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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER RESPONDS TO MESSAGE FROM
CHAIRMAN OF GDR COUNCIL OF STATE HONECKER

REF: A) TRANSMITTAL SLIP (ENCLOSING CARTER LETTER) FROM
THE DEPARTMENT'S EXECUTIVE SECRETARY; B) BERLIN 7054; C) BERLIN 7062

1. ALL FOUR MAJOR EAST GERMAN DAILIES ON NOVEMBER 30, 1976, CARRY ON PAGE ONE THE FULL TEXT IN GERMAN OF THE LETTER FROM PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER TO CHAIRMAN HONECKER OF THE GDR COUNCIL OF STATE TRANSMITTED IN REF A. THE GERMAN TEXT IS AN ACCURATE TRANSLATION OF THE PRESIDENT-ELECT'S MESSAGE WHICH WAS SENT IN RESPONSE TO CHAIRMAN HONECKER'S MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. CARTER (REF B). THE EMBASSY TRANSMITTED THE CARTER LETTER TO MR. HONECKER'S OFFICE ON NOVEMBER 26.

2. COMMENT: GDR AUTHORITIES HAVE PUBLISHED THE CARTER LETTER IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH LOCAL PRACTICE. SIMILAR MESSAGES TO THE GOVERNMENT FROM LEADING FOREIGN PERSONALITIES ARE OFTEN PUBLISHED IN THE PRESS. THERE HAS BEEN NO EDITORIAL COMMENT ABOUT PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER'S VICTORY IN THE PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN. ONE STORY CONCERNING A CARTER PRESS CONFERENCE BY THE GDR'S ADN CORRESPONDENT IN WASHINGTON HAS BEEN PRINTD (REF C). OTHERWISE, MEDIA COVERAGE IN EAST BERLIN OF PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER HAS TAKEN THE FORM OF STORIES

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